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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Sections 2 (A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the legislature; to provide for the convening of the legislature for annual regular sessions; to provide for the effective date of legislation enacted at such sessions; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III, Sections 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

Section 2. (A) Annual Session.

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§2. Sessions

(3)(a) All regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall be general in nature and shall convene at noon on the last second Monday in March. The legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days during a period of eighty-five calendar days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day,

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whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

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(4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene at noon on the last second Monday in April. The legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than forty-five legislative days in a period of sixty calendar days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth calendar day after convening. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the forty-second legislative day or fifty-seventh calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

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§19. Effective Date of Laws

Section 19. All laws enacted during a regular session of the legislature shall take effect on August fifteenth first of the calendar year in which the regular session is held and all laws enacted during an extraordinary session of the legislature shall take effect on the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the extraordinary session in which they were enacted. All laws shall be published prior thereto in the official journal of the state as provided by law. However, any bill may specify an earlier or later effective date.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall become effective January 1, 2012.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 2, 2010.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

1	to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
2	read as follows:
3	To move the convening of the legislature in annual regular session in even-
4	numbered years to the second Monday in March and in odd-numbered years
5	to the second Monday in April and to change the effective date of legislation
5	enacted at such sessions to August first.
7	(Amends Article III, Sections 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19)
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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